

October 2, 1987

Dear Chuck:

I'm honored that you have asked Joy and me to serve on the Honorary Committee for the first annual "USO Christmas Tour in Washington" on December 9, 1987. We are delighted to accept and be a part of such a wonderful event.

I want to thank you also for your thoughtfulness in sending me the USO shirt. It was certainly a nice surprise.

Please know that I have also forwarded your letter to Frederick J. Ryan, Jr., Director of Presidential Appointments and Scheduling, regarding a filmed address from the President for the October 27th USO fundraising gala in West Germany.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Charles T. Hagel  
President  
USO World Headquarters  
601 Indiana Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20004

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✓cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB  
cc: Fred Ryan w/incoming - 188 OEOB

October 2, 1987

Dear Ms. Tiernan:

Thank you for your message to Senator Baker following President Reagan's address to right-to-life leaders on July 30.

The President has directed the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Otis Bowen, to issue new regulations to clarify the meaning of the abortion restriction governing Title X and to ensure that Federal funds are denied to any program that encourages, promotes, or advocates abortion; that counsels or refers clients for abortion; or that assists a woman in obtaining an abortion. The proposed regulations were published in the Federal Register on September 1. The President has stated on many occasions his deep concern about abortion, and he will continue to call for policies which reflect our nation's heritage of respect for the sanctity of human life.

In light of your interest, I am enclosing a copy of the President's July 30 remarks.

Again, thank you for writing. Please accept Senator Baker's best wishes.

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup  
Special Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Ms. Leona C. Tiernan  
Post Office Box 31  
Chase Mills, New York 13621

SW/AVH/CAD/FUD/jrcf5  
SW-10

Enclosure: Excerpts from 7/30/87 Remarks by President  
cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 CHOB

October 2, 1987

Dear Mr. Potter:

Thank you for your thoughtful message. I appreciate your friendship, but I do not plan to run for office in 1988. It is my intention to serve President Reagan until the end of his term.

Your words of encouragement mean a great deal to me. Please accept my warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Jess Potter  
730 Roberta Drive  
Rossville, GA 30741

HHB/LRC/CAD/AVH/eJrf1  
HMB-17

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OECB

October 3, 1987

Dear Dr. Ireland-Frey:

Thank you for the material which you have thoughtfully sent to me.

With so much to be done here in Washington, I count on the help of the American people. I assure you that I will study this information and share it with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Louise Ireland-Frey, M.D.  
415 Northeast Fourth Street  
Cedaredge, CO 81413

HIB/SW/WJB/RKS/efrif1  
HIB-10

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 CEOB

October 2, 1987

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Burns:

Thank you for the material which you have thoughtfully sent to me.

With so much to be done here in Washington, I count on the help of the American people. I assure you that I will study this information and share it with the appropriate members of the White house staff.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Burns  
1524 Titus Road  
Memphis, TN 38111

HHB/SW/WJB/RKS/eirf1  
HHB-10

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OECB

October 2, 1987

Dear Mr. Simmons:

Thank you for your message recommending Al Casey for appointment as Secretary of Transportation.

Your correspondence has been forwarded to the appropriate White House staff member for further consideration. You may be assured that your comments will be thoroughly reviewed.

I appreciate your interest and send my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Harold Simmons  
National Industries, Inc.  
2nd Floor  
208 G Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20002

HUB/SW/WJB/efrf1  
HNB-7

cc: Loraine Camarano - 61 CEOB

October 2, 1987

Dear Mr. Bonagura:

Thank you for your recent message.

It was good of you to tell me where you stand on these significant issues. You have no idea how helpful it is for me to hear directly from the American people. I will share your comments with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. George Bonagura  
6235 Red Cedar Circle  
Lake Worth, FL 33463

HIB/SW/WJB/RKS/efrf1  
HIB-3A

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

October 2, 1987

Dear Mr. Carroll:

Thank you for your message and thoughtful words of support.

I appreciate your bringing your observations to my attention. I will be sure to share these views with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

Again, thank you for your interest and encouragement.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Jim Carroll  
Apartment 2  
1250 Rainbow Drive  
Springfield, OR 97477

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HMB-3

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 GEOR

October 2, 1987

Dear Mr. Getz:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. William A. Getz  
2510 29th Avenue Court  
Moline, IL 61265

HNB/SW/WJB/RKS/efrf1  
HNB-1

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 CEOB

October 2, 1987

Dear Mr. Bourg:

Thank you for your message inviting the Chief of Staff to speak at the Nashville Youth Network's In-State Constitutional Convention on October 24.

Your invitation is appreciated, but the heavy demands of Mr. Baker's schedule make it impossible for him to accept. However, he asked me to thank you for your kindness and send you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell  
Personal Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Julian Bourg  
Oasis Center, Inc.  
Post Office Box 121648  
Nashville, TN 37212

LNM/WJB/efrf1  
LNM-1

cc: Lorraine Camarano, Room 61 OEOB

October 2, 1987

Dear Ms. Wheeler:

Thank you for your message inviting the Chief of Staff to be guest speaker at your November 5 Military Dining-In.

Your invitation is appreciated, but the heavy demands of Mr. Baker's schedule make it impossible for him to accept. However, he asked me to thank you for your kindness and send you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell  
Personal Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

CDT CPT Angela L. Wheeler  
Commander, Crossed Saber  
Military Science Department  
Box 52  
Middle Tennessee State University  
Murfreesboro, TN 37132

LNM/WJB/efrf1  
LNM-1

cc: Lorraine Camarano, Room 61 OEOB

October 2, 1987

Dear Mrs. Guida:

Thank you for your message inviting the Chief of Staff to "Prayers For Peace" on October 12 at the Washington Monument.

Your invitation is appreciated, but the heavy demands of Mr. Baker's schedule make it impossible for him to accept. However, he asked me to thank you for your kindness and send you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell  
Personal Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mrs. Anthony Guida  
3188 Holmes Run Road  
Falls Church, VA 22042

LNM/WJB/efrf1  
LNM-1

cc: Lorraine Camarano, Room 61 OEOB

October 2, 1987

Dear Ms. Dupree:

Thank you for your message inviting the Chief of Staff to "The Gala Bal Harbour" on October 16 in Coral Gables.

Your invitation is appreciated, but the heavy demands of Mr. Baker's schedule make it impossible for him to accept. However, he asked me to thank you for your kindness and send you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell  
Personal Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Ms. Shelia Dupree  
Office of Development  
for Medical Affairs  
School of Medicine  
University of Miami  
Post Office Box 016960  
Miami, FL 33101

LNM/WJB/efrf1  
LNM-1

cc: Lorraine Camarano, Room 61 OEOB

October 2, 1987

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Thank you for your message to the Chief of Staff. He especially enjoys hearing from students across the United States who take the time to share their thoughts with him.

While Mr. Baker would like to personally answer each and every letter he receives, the heavy volume of mail prevents him from doing so. Nevertheless, he appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing and hopes you will always take an active interest in the concerns of our country. America's future rests in your hands!

With Mr. Baker's warm best wishes,

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup  
Special Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Todd Nelson  
10 Salem Lane  
Westport, CT 06880

SW/LRC/efrf1  
SW-7

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

October 5, 1987

Dear Mr. Alum:

Thank you for your recent letter recommending Mr. Timothy Hunter for a position with the Administration. I regret that I was unable to meet with you while you were in Washington earlier this month, but do hope that your visit was productive.

As you may know, the President nominated and the Senate confirmed Mr. David Walker to fill the position of Assistant Secretary for Pension and Welfare Benefits at the U. S. Department of Labor. However, the Office of Presidential Personnel is aware of Mr. Hunter's interest in continuing to serve the Administration and will continue to keep him in mind for appropriate vacancies. I have forwarded a copy of your correspondence to them for their benefit and review.

I appreciate your kind words wishing me success and your offer of assistance.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Roland A. Alum, Jr.  
Administrator  
Bureau of Hispanic Enterprise  
State of New Jersey Department of  
Commerce and Economic Development  
CN-834  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0834

HHB/GwenKing/JCT/LRC/jfc 10HHB  
cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

October 5, 1987

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Thank you for your recent letter and for the kind words on the President's visit to Nebraska. He truly enjoyed the time he spent in your State, as I did the time I spent with you. I appreciate your setting forth in writing your concern about the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 and your suggestion that it be amended to exclude election day workers who are hired for two days every other year.

As the Immigration and Naturalization Service informed you, the legislation as enacted by Congress requires workers who are hired for three days or less to complete the I-9 before the end of the first working day in order to comply with the law. You can be sure that as current policies are reviewed, and new Administration initiatives are considered, your thoughts and comments will be taken into account.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Allen J. Beermann  
Secretary of State  
State of Nebraska  
Suite 2300, Capitol Building  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4608

HHB/GwenKing/CAD/ACR(LegalCounsel)/LRC/jfc 10HHB

CC: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

October 5, 1987

Dear Mr. Walker:

Thank you for your recent letter to Senator Baker. He is especially grateful for your warm words of encouragement and support.

While he appreciates your interest in writing, I must send you a disappointing reply to your request for letters of endorsement from the Senator. As a matter of policy, White House officials do not intervene in such matters. I hope you will understand.

Please accept Senator Baker's best wishes.

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup  
Special Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Michael A. Walker  
County Executive  
Fentress County Government  
Post Office Box 1128  
Jamestown, Tennessee 38556

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cc: Office of Legal Counsel (fyi)

cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

October 5, 1987

Dear Mr. Carlson and Mr. Collier:

Thank you for your letter to Senator Baker requesting an auction item for Anderson's Republican fundraiser.

I am sorry this must be a disappointing response, but because of the large number of similar requests that are brought to the Senator's attention, he is unable to respond to them. Please know, however, that he appreciates your support and sends you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup  
Special Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. William Carlson  
Mr. John G. Collier  
Anderson Republican  
City Committee  
Post Office Box 765  
Anderson, Indiana 46015

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

October 5, 1987

Dear Mr. Damiani:

On behalf of Senator Baker, I want to thank you for your letter.

We was pleased to hear from you, but we must tell you that there are no internships available with the Office of the Chief of Staff. However, we are bringing your resume to the attention of the Office of Presidential Personnel for consideration.

With Senator Baker's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup  
Special Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Stephen Damiani  
Apartment 4203  
1300 South 11th Street  
Waco, Texas 76706

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cc: Katja Bullock with incoming  
cc: Joan DeCain with copy of incoming  
cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

October 5, 1987

Dear Mr. Cunningham:

On behalf of Senator Baker, I want to thank you for your letter.

He was pleased to hear from you, but we must tell you that there are no internships available with the Office of the Chief of Staff. However, we are bringing your resume to the attention of the Office of Presidential Personnel for consideration.

With Senator Baker's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup  
Special Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Paul Ray Cunningham  
5101 Denver Drive  
Galveston, Texas 77550

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cc: Katja Bullock with incoming  
cc: Joan DeCain with copy of incoming

cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

October 5, 1987

Dear Mr. Hinduja:

Thank you for sending me the silver case.  
I appreciate your thoughtfulness and send  
you my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. S. P. Hinduja  
24 Carlton House Terrace  
London S.W. 1  
United Kingdom

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

NOTE: Silver case with picture of  
Indian man and woman sent to gift  
unit with gift record.

October 5, 1987

Dear Dean:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the year-long farm income study conducted by the Farm Bureau's study committee. I'm certain that it will prove to be very useful to me and to the President's key policy advisers in this area. Please convey my appreciation to all those who worked on the report.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Dean Kleckner  
President  
American Farm Bureau Federation  
225 Touhy Avenue  
Park Ridge, IL 60068

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

October 5, 1987

Dear John:

Thank you for your kind invitation. It would be very nice to come back home for the Tennessee House Republican Caucus annual fundraiser in March 1988.

I hope you will understand that a definite answer this far in advance isn't possible. If you wouldn't mind sending me a follow-up invitation closer to the date of the fundraiser, I'll give it every consideration.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable John Chiles  
Member of the House of Representatives  
of the State of Tennessee  
103 War Memorial Building  
Nashville, TN 37219

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

October 5, 1987

Dear Mr. Whittemore:

Thank you for your kind get-well note. It was a pleasure to hear from you.

I had a bad reaction to an antibiotic and spent one night in the hospital. I'm feeling fine now, but I'll probably only see chiropractors since they don't prescribe medicine!

Again, thanks for thinking of me. Warm regards.

*Baker* Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Charles W. Whittemore  
President  
Pacific Eastern Corporation  
4701 Trousdale Drive  
Nashville, TN 37220

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB  
#Get Well

October 5, 1987

Dear Bill:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 25 in which you solicited my thoughts on the tenth anniversary of the signing of the Panama Canal Treaties of 1977.

Unfortunately, your deadline for publication on September 6 had passed by the time your letter reached me. I was therefore unable to make a submission to you for publication in the Journal-Constitution.

I was pleased that you wrote seeking my thoughts on these historic Treaties, and I regret that circumstances did not permit me to make this contribution to your newspaper.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Bill Kovach  
Editor  
The Atlanta Journal  
The Atlanta Constitution  
Post Office Box 4689  
Atlanta, GA 30302

HHB/DOS/LRC/CAD/efr 10HHB

cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

October 5, 1987

Dear Bud:

Thank you for your kind get-well note. It was a pleasure to hear from you.

I had a bad reaction to an antibiotic and spent one night in the hospital. I'm feeling fine now, but I'll probably only see chiropractors since they don't prescribe medicine!

Again, thanks for thinking of me. Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Clarence J. Brown  
Deputy Secretary of Commerce  
Washington, D.C. 20230

HHB/SW/LRC/JLT/efr 10HHB

cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB  
#Get Well

October 5, 1987

Dear Senator Woodson:

Thank you for your recent telegram recommending Senator Paula Hawkins for appointment as the Secretary of Transportation.

I have circulated your endorsement to the attention of the Office of Presidential Personnel. Please be assured Senator Hawkins will receive every consideration in the selection process for this important post.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Marlene Woodson  
Senator of the State of Florida  
4815 Manatee Avenue, West  
Bradenton, FL 34209

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB  
Katja Bullock with incoming

October 5, 1987

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Nicastro:

Thank you for your recent message.

It was good of you to tell me where you stand on these significant issues. You have no idea how helpful it is for me to hear directly from the American people. I will share your comments with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Nicastro  
12540 Avenida Tineo  
San Diego, CA 92128

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HHB-3A

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

October 6, 1987

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Mangan:

Thank you for your message to Senator Baker following President Reagan's address to right-to-life leaders on July 30.

The President has directed the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Otis Bowen, to issue new regulations to clarify the meaning of the abortion restriction governing Title X and to ensure that Federal funds are denied to any program that encourages, promotes, or advocates abortion; that counsels or refers clients for abortion; or that assists a woman in obtaining an abortion. The proposed regulations were published in the Federal Register on September 1. The President has stated on many occasions his deep concern about abortion, and he will continue to call for policies which reflect our nation's heritage of respect for the sanctity of human life.

In light of your interest, I am enclosing a copy of the President's July 30 remarks.

Again, thank you for writing. Please accept Senator Baker's best wishes.

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup  
Special Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Mangan  
Douglas Street Box 288  
Port Leyden, New York 13433

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SW-10

Enclosure: Excerpts from 7/30/87 Remarks by President  
cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

October 6, 1987

Dear Mr. Norman:

Congratulations on your retirement from Bell South Services. Your 35-year career has been one of tremendous dedication and accomplishment.

I'm delighted to join all those gathered on this occasion in congratulating you and paying tribute to you at this proud moment. Please accept my best wishes for much good fortune and great happiness.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Morris Norman  
3309 Monte Doro Drive  
Birmingham, Alabama 35216

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

Sent Express Mail to: Mr. Douglas L. Smith  
Bell South Services  
600 North 19th Street  
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

October 6, 1987

Dear Mrs. Collins:

Thank you for your message to Senator Baker following President Reagan's address to right-to-life leaders on July 30.

The President has directed the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Otis Bowen, to issue new regulations to clarify the meaning of the abortion restriction governing Title X and to ensure that Federal funds are denied to any program that encourages, promotes, or advocates abortion; that counsels or refers clients for abortion; or that assists a woman in obtaining an abortion. The proposed regulations were published in the Federal Register on September 1. The President has stated on many occasions his deep concern about abortion, and he will continue to call for policies which reflect our nation's heritage of respect for the sanctity of human life.

In light of your interest, I am enclosing a copy of the President's July 30 remarks.

Again, thank you for writing. Please accept Senator Baker's best wishes.

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup  
Special Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mrs. Francis E. Collins  
294 Barben Avenue  
Watertown, New York 13601

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SW-10

Enclosure: Excerpts from 7/30/87 Remarks by President  
cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 CEOR

October 6, 1987

Dear Mr. Brill:

Thank you for your follow-up letter of September 2 inviting me to be a principal speaker at the 94th annual convention of the Northeastern Retail Lumbermen's Association.

Regrettably, the heavy demands of my schedule force me to decline. I am forwarding your correspondence, however, to Frederick J. Ryan for review of your invitation to the President.

Please know that you have my best wishes for a very successful convention.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. John J. Brill  
Executive Vice President  
Northeastern Retail  
Lumbermens Association  
339 East Avenue  
Rochester, New York 14604

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cc: Fred Ryan with copy of incoming/ *flint*

cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

October 6, 1987

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Please know that you have my best wishes for a very successful convention.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. John J. Brill  
Executive Vice President  
Northeastern Retail  
Lumbermens Association  
339 East Avenue  
Rochester, New York 14604

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cc: Fred Ryan with copy of incoming

cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

October 6, 1987

Dear Frank:

Thank you for your kind invitation. I am honored that you would ask me to keynote the Northeast-Midwest Leadership Council's meeting in Washington on October 13.

Regrettably, the demands of my schedule force me to decline. Please know, however, that you have my best wishes for a successful meeting.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Frank Horton  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

October 6, 1987

Dear John:

Thank you for your kind invitation. I am honored that you would ask me to address the Northeast-Midwest Leadership Council's meeting in Washington on October 13.

Regrettably, the demands of my schedule force me to decline. Please know, however, that you have my best wishes for a successful meeting.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable John Heinz  
Co-Chairman  
Northeast-Midwest  
Senate Coalition  
277 Russell Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Note: with same letter to Co-Chairman  
Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan

cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

October 6, 1987

Dear Dan:

Thank you for your kind invitation. I am honored that you would ask me to address the Northeast-Midwest Leadership Council's meeting in Washington on October 13.

Regrettably, the demands of my schedule force me to decline. Please know, however, that you have my best wishes for a successful meeting.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Daniel Patrick Moynihan  
Co-Chairman  
Northeast-Midwest  
Senate Coalition  
277 Russell Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Note: with same letter to Co-Chairman  
Senator John Heinz

cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

October 6, 1987

Dear Lucky:

Thank you for your kind invitation. Much as Joy and I would love to be a part of the gala events on October 31, the demands of my schedule force us to decline.

Your invitation is appreciated, and please know that you have our best wishes for a wonderful evening.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Selwa Roosevelt  
The Chief of Protocol  
United States Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20520

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

October 6, 1987

Dear Marlow:

Thank you for your kind letter inviting me to address the Board of Directors of the National Mass Retailing Institute on October 29. It's good to hear of NMRI's support of so many of the President's policies.

Much as I would like to be with you, the demands of my schedule force me to decline. Please know, however, that you have my best wishes for a successful fall meeting.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Marlow W. Cook  
Bishop, Cook, Purcell  
and Reynolds  
1200 Seventeenth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036-3006

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

October 6, 1987

Dear Ms. Traywick:

Thank you for your message recommending Mr. Ray Barnhart for appointment as the Secretary of Transportation.

It is good to have the benefit of your views concerning this important appointment, and I have circulated your correspondence to the Office of Presidential Personnel for review. You may be sure Mr. Barnhart will receive every consideration in the selection process.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Flo N. Traywick  
Republican National Committeewoman  
3128 Rivermont Avenue  
Lynchburg, Virginia 24503

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cc: Lorraine Camarano -61 OEOR

cc: Katja Bullock with incoming

#Transportation

October 6, 1987

Dear Mr. Fritts:

Thank you for your letter recommending Dr. J. Clement Burdick to a position on the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Please know that I have forwarded your correspondence to the appropriate White House staff members for their review and attention. You can be sure that Dr. Burdick will be given every consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Edward O. Fritts  
President and Chief  
Executive Officer  
National Association  
of Broadcasters  
1771 N Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

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cc: Bob Tuttle with copy of incoming

cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

October 6, 1987

Dear Henry:

Thanks so much for the thoughtful invitation to attend your Bicentennial celebration of the U.S. Constitution on October 8. I would love to join you, but the demands of my schedule just won't permit me the pleasure. However, I hope you have a most successful evening.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Henry J. Hyde  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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October 6, 1987

Dear Senator Vobach:

Thank you for your June 19 letter in which you express concern about the policies governing the Administration's support for overseas family planning programs. I am sorry this reply is so long overdue.

The policy of this Administration is to provide strong support for voluntary population programs, but firm opposition to the use or advocacy of abortion as a method of family planning. This policy is based on the statutory law governing U.S. foreign assistance, and, as you know, it was announced by the United States at the International Conference on Population sponsored by the United Nations and held in Mexico City in August 1984.

To implement this policy, the Agency for International Development (AID) does not provide U.S. funds to foreign nongovernmental organizations that perform or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning. This policy does not infringe on the rights of foreign organizations to decide how they will spend their own funds, nor on the opportunity Third World women have to obtain advice from whomever they wish regarding their pregnancies. Rather, the United States has the right to decide how it will spend its funds for population assistance.

It is important to note that implementation of the Administration's policy (i.e., AID's withholding funds from foreign organizations which engage in abortion activities) has not reduced our total family planning assistance. AID has increased its support for family planning under this Administration, and AID remains the largest single donor in international family planning, providing more than 40 percent of the estimated \$500 million in assistance from all international donors last year.

AID considers population assistance to be a critical part of its effort to improve the health and survival of mothers and children. Family planning makes possible adequate birth spacing, thereby lowering maternal and child mortality rates. Administration policy emphasizes contraception and natural family planning (NFP), rather than abortion, as a means of child-spacing, and AID's support for family planning services measurably reduces reliance on abortion.

Each of the major U.S. organizations that have requested new grants since August 1984, except the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, which has sued AID, has accepted funding subject to the restrictions against providing appropriated funds to foreign organizations that conduct abortion activities. These U.S. organizations continue to operate effective programs making subgrants to nongovernmental organizations in foreign countries.

In conclusion, I do not believe the Administration is prepared to alter the Mexico City policy.

Again, thanks for setting aside the time to send me your thoughts.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable William Vobach  
Senator of the  
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